



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Communications (October 14, 1993 through October 27, 1993)

MEETING DATE: November 3, 1993

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

AGENDA ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

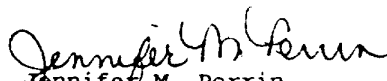
Refer to staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The following communication was received between the dates of October 14, 1993 through October 27, 1993.

A letter was received from Darlene E. Ruiz on behalf of Jack Alquist (see attached), operator of Guild Cleaners, seeking a pronouncement of the City Council finding that no public health emergency exists involving the existence of PCE and TCE found in the ground water basin underlying the City of Lodi.

It is recommended that the City Council refer this matter to staff and that it be brought back at a future Council Meeting.

FUNDING: None required.


Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk

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APPROVED _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



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21 October 1993

The Honorable Phillip Pennino
Mayor of the City of Lodi
P.O. Box 3006
Lodi, California

Re: Request for Item to be Placed on Agenda of City Council

Dear Mayor Pennino and City Council Members:

On behalf of Jack Alquist, operator of Guild Cleaners I respectfully request that you place an item on the agenda of the City Council for your regularly scheduled meeting set for November 3, 1993. The item seeks a pronouncement of the City Council finding that no public health emergency exists involving the existence of PCE and TCE found in the ground water basin underlying the city of Lodi. The item would also seek an expression of intent and purpose to ask the State of California, including the Department of Toxic Substances Control to cease its investigation of the sources and scope of the contamination in order to allow for the city to work with its business community toward an efficient and cost effective means of addressing cleanup of the contamination.

Background

- In early 1989, the City of Lodi through its Public Works Department identified contamination of production well CW#3 in the downtown Lodi. For several reasons, only one of which was the level of PCE, the city decided to shut down well CW#3.
- In 1990 the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) initiated a sanitary sewer and soil gas investigation. Rather than identify all potential sources the RWQCB focused upon the city's sewer system and two dry cleaning operations. When enforcement efforts were delayed to allow the California Dry Cleaning Task Force to study and make recommendations the staff of the regional board turned the investigation results over to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
- DTSC has without request from the City decided to institute Phase I investigations against Guild Cleaners, Busy Bee Cleaners and the City's sanitary sewer department. The goal of the department is to establish cleanup requirements and impose remedial action costs against the city and its small businesses.

Action Being Requested

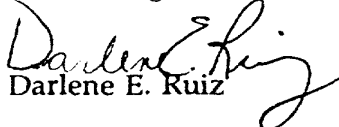
Recognizing that the City of Lodi is familiar with the costs and consequences of groundwater cleanup as a result of the DBCP issues being addressed by the community, it is requested that the City Council adopt a resolution:

Enclosure
Submitted by Jack Alquist
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- confirming the fact that no public health emergency exists as a result of PCE and TCE contamination within the groundwater basin, and
- requesting the state of California, including the Department of Toxic Substances Control suspend its investigation to allow for the city to work with its business community toward other more efficient and cost effective alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.. Should you require any further information in preparation of your agenda item please do not hesitate to contact me at 916.552.6700.

Kindest regards,


Darlene E. Ruiz

cc: Thomas Peterson, City Manager
Jennifer Perrin, City Clerk
B McNatt, City Attorney
F. Forkas, Department of Public Works
J. Alquis